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**Request
FOR
Continued Examination (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
Provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
Filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/998,536
Filing Date	11/28/2001
First Named Inventor	Jesus Casas-Bejar et al
Group Art Unit	3763
Examiner Name	Thissell, Jeremy
Attorney Docket Number	P7109.03 C1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2546

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Kenneth J. Collier	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	34,982
Signature	<i>Kenneth J. Collier</i>	Date	September 2, 2004

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RCE and AMENDMENT RESPONSE

Applicants: Jesus W. Casas-Bejar et al

Examiner: Jeremy Thissell

Serial No.: 09/998,536

Group Art Unit: 3763

Filed: November 28, 2001

Docket: P-7109.03 C1

Title: MEDICAL ELECTRICAL LEADS AND INDWELLING CATHETERS WITH ENHANCED BIOCOMPATIBILITY AND BIOSTABILITY

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this RCE and Amendment Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as first class mail, addressed to the Mailstop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 2 day of September, 2004.

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- ☒ RCE and Amendment Transmittal
☒ Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 111 & Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.121
☒ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal
☒ Petition for Extension of Time
☒ Return Postcard

FEE CALCULATION

CLAIM AMENDMENT(S)	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Add'l Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	9 -	18 =		x 18	\$00.00
Independent Claims	2 -	5 =		x 86	\$00.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	No			+ 290	\$
TOTAL					\$00.00

XX Applicant hereby petitions for a 3 month extension of time in the prior application. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor;

XX Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 the sum of **\$950.00**

— \$240.00 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c) without 37 CFR §1.97(e) certification

XX Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

— Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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